

*RESOLUTION NUMBER 299*  
*ROGER DUNCAN*

*WHEREAS*, we pause in our deliberations to note the untimely passing of Roger Duncan on Sunday, December 16, 2007; and

*WHEREAS*, Roger Duncan served as a community activist in the City of St. Louis; and

*WHEREAS*, Roger served as secretary for Congregations Allied for Community Improvement (CACI), which is part of Metropolitan Congregations United (MCU); and

*WHEREAS*, Roger organized and was a leader of Union Communion Core Team for three congregations: Union Avenue Christian Church, Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ, and Westminster Presbyterian Church, led to establishment of Union Communion Holy Ground; and

*WHEREAS*, Roger helped with the rebirth of the Enright Block Unit; and

*WHEREAS*, Roger led the CACI task force for North City Redevelopment; and

*WHEREAS*, Roger was behind the development of the current CACI Community Resource Book; and

*WHEREAS*, Roger was an integral part of the Ivory Perry Park Concerts, serving as planner, grant writer, committee member, and musician liaison; and

*WHEREAS*, Roger as a lover of Blues music, was the founder of a Blues Service at Union Avenue Christian Church; and

*WHEREAS*, Roger served on the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice, as a board member, and lobbyist; and

*WHEREAS*, Omaha, Nebraska was the start of Roger's community involvement including directing Whitman Center Runaway House, and promoting national legislation for runaway youth; and

*WHEREAS*, with an interest in the environment, organic farming, and a "simple life" led Roger to found the Prairie Sunset Food Co-op, where he served as resident agent; and

*WHEREAS*, planning for the Southeast Nebraska Community Action Center was additional work he accomplished in Nebraska; and

*WHEREAS*, Mr. Duncan being a loving husband, father, good neighbor and friend to all, will be missed.

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED* by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to remember the many contributions of Roger Duncan to the citizens of the City St. Louis and the region, and we join his family and many friends in expressing our sorrow at his passing; and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2008 by:

Honorable Frank Williamson, Alderman 26<sup>th</sup> Ward

Adopted this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2008 as attested by:

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Denise Watson-Wesley Coleman  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen

